

Agency 225

Washington State Patrol**Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2009-11 Expenditure Authority	2,420.5	75,036	421,926	496,962
Total Maintenance Level	2,424.8	81,747	425,446	507,193
Difference	4.3	6,711	3,520	10,231
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.2%	8.9%	0.8%	2.1%
Performance Changes				
Reduce Criminal Records Division Staff	(7.5)	(1,048)		(1,048)
Reduce Specialized Staffing	(3.0)	(607)		(607)
Narrowbanding Equipment			14,900	14,900
Reduce Electronic Services and Risk Staffing	(4.0)	(572)		(572)
Eliminate National Fire Reporting Staff	(1.0)	(265)		(265)
Reduce Cadets at Executive Mansion	(3.0)	(400)		(400)
Vacate General Administration Building		1,207	1,326	2,533
Reduce SWAT and Meth Response	(1.5)	(1,462)		(1,462)
System Integration (Narrowbanding)			10,200	10,200
Eliminate Interoperability Committee Support	(2.0)	(504)		(504)
Reduce Ferry Terminal Traffic Control	(9.0)		(1,724)	(1,724)
Eliminate Dedicated Auto Theft Program	(17.0)		(3,578)	(3,578)
Criminal History Record System			200	200
DNA Kits		936	128	1,064
Mobile Office Platform	7.0	950	7,292	8,242
Minor Works Projects			653	653
Fire Training Academy Funding			345	345
Regional Water and Sewer System			3,100	3,100
Suspend Plan 1 Uniform COLA #		(842)	(1,752)	(2,594)
State Data Center Rate Increase		166	555	721
Subtotal	(41.0)	(2,441)	31,645	29,204
Total Proposed Budget	2,383.8	79,306	457,091	536,397
Difference	(36.7)	4,270	35,165	39,435
Percent Change from Current Biennium	(1.5)%	5.7%	8.3%	7.9%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Aerial Highway Traffic Enforcement	19.7	1,218	4,324	5,542
Agency Administration	41.0	3,907	12,231	16,138
Collision Records	12.4	12	1,752	1,764
Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement	339.7	2,621	58,001	60,622
Crime Laboratory	181.3	30,541	17,669	48,210
Criminal Records Management	94.3	8,563	11,859	20,422
Executive Protection	46.6	4,452	2,286	6,738
Fire Protection Services	10.8	1,300	9,097	10,397

TRANSPORTATION

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
Highway Traffic Enforcement and Emergency Operations	1,244.3	10,179	259,780	269,959
Impaired Driving	26.0	193	4,879	5,072
Investigative Assistance for Criminal Enforcement	87.4	7,249	15,860	23,109
Missing Children Recovery	9.5	1,731	367	2,098
Specialized Outreach Fire Services	44.6	2,275	12,608	14,883
Toxicology Laboratory	31.4	390	6,975	7,365
Traffic and Auto Theft Investigation	80.4	2,437	12,912	15,349
Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Inspection	21.1	1,391	2,189	3,580
Transportation Budget Capital Projects			3,753	3,753
Homeland Security	93.6	847	20,549	21,396
Total Proposed Budget	2,383.8	79,306	457,091	536,397

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Reduce Criminal Records Division Staff

The Criminal Records Division will be reduced by 7.5 FTE staff. This reduction will result in about 100 fewer classes per year for criminal justice agencies and will result in longer times for identification and criminal history checks for law enforcement agencies.

Reduce Specialized Staffing

Funding is reduced to reflect the elimination of the following three FTE and one contracted positions: one detective paid for by the agency to staff the Missing and Exploited Children Task Force for a local jurisdiction (this work will be done locally instead); two office assistants in the Missing/Unidentified Persons Unit; and one detective in the High Tech Crimes Unit.

Narrowbanding Equipment

This item provides funding to purchase equipment needed to comply with federal narrowbanding requirements. Equipment includes multiband radios and land mobile radio infrastructure. In the capital budget there is another \$15 million provided to purchase and install microwave systems for statewide communication coverage, purchase and install 911 communication dispatch consoles, and procure master sites. (State Patrol Highway Account-State)

Reduce Electronic Services and Risk Staffing

Funding is reduced to reflect the elimination of the following four positions: two FTE staff in the Electronic Services Division who provide network support; one FTE staff in the Electronic Services Division who provides procurement support; and one FTE staff in Risk Management that provides office support to the Division.

Eliminate National Fire Reporting Staff

Funding is reduced to reflect the elimination of the position that collects emergency response information from local fire agencies and enters it into a federal database. As a result, the annual "Fire in Washington" report will not be done and local fire agencies will have to submit their data directly to the federal database.

Reduce Cadets at Executive Mansion

Funding is reduced to reflect the elimination of three FTE staff.

Vacate General Administration Building

The Washington State Patrol will have to vacate the General Administration Building in September 2011. Funding is provided for one-time moving costs and estimated increased lease costs at a new Olympia location. (General Fund-State, State Patrol Highway Account-State)

Reduce SWAT and Meth Response

Funding is reduced to reflect a 1.5 FTE staff reduction in the SWAT and Methamphetamine Response programs. This reduction in funding will be mitigated by subsidizing current SWAT operations using the State and Federal Seizure Accounts as available.

System Integration (Narrowbanding)

This item provides critical funding for system integration and engineering to achieve the current level of mission critical radio communication. (State Patrol Highway Account-State)

Eliminate Interoperability Committee Support

Two FTE staff positions that support the State Interoperability Executive Committee will be eliminated. This committee was formed in 2003 to ensure that emergency responders across all jurisdictions can talk to each other and share data.

Reduce Ferry Terminal Traffic Control

Funding is reduced to reflect the elimination of the cadet detachment used to manage traffic and augment security at the Seattle ferry terminal; for reduced contracts for additional traffic control personnel for the Edmonds and Seattle ferry terminals; and for savings for K-9 explosives dogs by relying more heavily on dogs trained by the Transportation Security Administration. (State Patrol Highway Account-State)

Eliminate Dedicated Auto Theft Program

Seventeen FTE staff are eliminated that are currently dedicated to auto theft investigation in four major metropolitan areas. (State Patrol Highway Account)

Criminal History Record System

Funding is provided for a feasibility study to replace the current criminal history record archive and retrieval system. The current system used to store and retrieve over 500,000 criminal history documents received annually is inefficient, aged, and failing. (Fingerprint Identification Account-State)

DNA Kits

Funding is provided for DNA analysis kits needed to cover a 30 percent increase in analysis requests from police agencies. (General Fund-State, County Criminal Justice Assistance Account-State, Municipal Criminal Justice Assistance Account-State)

Mobile Office Platform

Funding is provided to phase in a "mobile office platform" over the next five years. When fully implemented, this platform will provide troopers with computers that will allow queries to the electronic driver and vehicle databases, and with digital cameras to record video evidence. These tools will increase officer efficiency and data accuracy, officer and public safety, and liability mitigation. Deploying this equipment in all pursuit vehicles will require ongoing funding in future biennia of \$6.9 million in 2013-15, \$7.5 million in 2015-17, and \$7.6 million in subsequent biennia as the equipment ages and needs replacement. (General Fund-State, State Patrol Highway Account-State)

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Minor Works Projects

Funding is provided for minor works projects including emergency infrastructure repairs (\$200,000), water and sewer upgrades (\$75,000), emergency backup system replacement (\$210,000), chiller replacement (\$85,000) and roof replacements (\$83,000). (Washington State Patrol Highway Account-State)

Fire Training Academy Funding

Funding is provided in Fiscal Year 2013 for regular maintenance of the Fire Training Academy's roads and water system. (Fire Service Training Account-State)

Regional Water and Sewer System

Funding is provided to connect the Shelton Training Academy to the regional water and sewer system in lieu of the current septic and well water system. This funding completes the project. (Washington State Patrol Account-State)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Aerial Highway Traffic Enforcement

Pilots in the Aviation Section provide a rapid air response to citizen reports of possible drunk drivers and conduct proactive aerial traffic enforcement patrols to locate, track, and coordinate the apprehension of impaired, reckless, and aggressive drivers in support of Target Zero goals. Pilots also provide assistance to agency staff and local jurisdictions with drug enforcement, search and rescue, homeland security, natural disasters, and aerial surveillance. The section facilitates the transport of donor organs and blood supplies in medical emergencies. The section also provides air transportation for the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor.

Agency Administration

The Agency Administration activity includes the Office of the Chief, Government and Media Relations, the Office of Professional Standards, and Evidence and Records Management. In addition, this activity includes the staff costs for each bureau director and executive assistant, as well as centralized photography, word processing, and mail services. This activity represents those management activities that guide the entire agency in achieving its public safety mission.

Collision Records

The Collision Records Section is the repository for statewide officer and civilian collision reports, compiling statistical data for the Washington State departments of Transportation and Licensing. The section provides copies of the Police Traffic Collision Report and the Vehicle Collision Report to eligible persons, upon application and submission of a non-refundable fee to process the application.

Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement

This activity includes the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section, Motor Carrier Safety Assistance and New Entrants Programs, School Bus Inspection Program, Compliance and Review Section, Tow Truck Inspection Unit, and Equipment and Standards Review. These programs promote the safe travel of commercial vehicles and school buses on Washington State highways through education, technical assistance, and enforcement activities.

Crime Laboratory

The Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory Division operates full-service crime laboratories in Seattle, Tacoma, Marysville, and Spokane, and limited-service crime laboratories in Kelso, Kennewick, and Tumwater. The laboratories provide forensic services for criminal justice agencies within the state and are accredited through the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD). Forensic laboratory services include biochemistry of body fluids; examination of firearms/toolmarks; microanalysis of trace evidence; analysis of physical evidence; chemical analysis of evidence and controlled substances; examination of questioned documents; latent fingerprint identification; crime scene assistance; clandestine laboratory assistance; and training for criminal justice agencies.

Criminal Records Management

This activity includes the management and operation of the statewide law enforcement telecommunications system, A Central Computerized Enforcement Service System (ACCESS), and the Washington Crime Information Center (WACIC). ACCESS provides telecommunications linkage to law enforcement, criminal justice agencies, and associated state databases. It allows contact with agencies nationwide through the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System and access to National Crime Information Center files. The WACIC is a computerized database of stolen property, wanted persons, missing persons, and other information of interest to law enforcement officers and criminal justice agencies throughout the state. The Identification and Criminal History Section is the repository for statewide fingerprint-based criminal history record information and sex/kidnapping offender registration. The Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit maintains dental data and other descriptive data on persons reported missing for longer than 30 days and unidentified human remains. Other services include technical fingerprint assistance and help in identifying unknown persons.

Executive Protection

This activity provides security for the Governor, the Governor's family, and the Lieutenant Governor. Executive Protection personnel also provide law enforcement and visitor security services at the Capitol Campus and the Department of Labor and Industries.

Fire Protection Services

This activity includes administration of the Fire Protection Bureau and the All Risk Mobilization program. Per statute, the Fire Protection Bureau has the critical responsibility to prevent the loss of life and property for the citizens across the state. Primary activities include providing critical response resources to local jurisdictions facing extraordinary emergency incidents such as wildland fires; developing, managing and updating the Mobilization Plan (Plan); and implementing the Plan during large scale emergencies. Implementing the Plan includes receiving, reviewing and authorizing requests for mobilization, coordinating the dispatch of resources, tracking the use of resources for payments, making the payments, and auditing the payments to ensure all funds were used appropriately. Plan implementation also requires selected personnel to be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Highway Traffic Enforcement and Emergency Operations

Highway Traffic Enforcement includes field force commissioned officers who patrol state highways in eight districts across Washington State. Troopers are responsible for enforcing traffic laws, investigating collisions, assisting motorists, and providing a safe motoring environment on over 17,500 miles of state highway. This activity also includes oversight of the Aviation Section, Canine Unit, Explosives Unit and the Washington State Patrol Honor Guard.

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Impaired Driving

The Implied Consent activity includes the Breath Test and Drug Evaluation and Classification Programs of the Washington State Patrol. The Breath Test Program manages and maintains all evidentiary breath-testing instruments in the state and provides all re-certification training. The section provides statistical data and analysis related to driving under the influence (DUI) enforcement to and provides expert witness testimony on the breath alcohol testing program. Drug recognition experts in the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program are trained to recognize the symptoms of intoxication for seven different categories of drugs, using a 12-step standardized process to identify drug impairment. The State Patrol provides specialized training in these skills to troopers and officers from local law enforcement agencies.

Investigative Assistance for Criminal Enforcement

The Investigative Assistance Division provides investigative coordination, support, and training that fosters a collaborative response to criminal activity in Washington State. The Narcotics Section provides ongoing drug investigation training for the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission and local clandestine laboratory teams, monitoring the progress of federally-funded task forces throughout the state. The Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) responds to tactical incidents and clandestine drug labs with highly trained personnel who execute search warrants, arrest suspects, and process evidence for criminal prosecution. The Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) provides assistance to criminal justice agencies with complex criminal investigations, as well as training to troopers, sergeants, and local law enforcement agencies on gang enforcement and trends. The Computer Forensics Unit provides technical support and training to criminal justice agencies, and recovers relevant evidence that may exist on computer hard drives and other storage media for use in related criminal and internal investigations.

Missing Children Recovery

This activity includes the management and operation of the Missing and Exploited Children Task Force, a multi-agency task force that assists law enforcement, state and federal agencies, and custodial parents or guardians by conducting investigations on missing, abducted, and exploited children through referrals, on-site assistance, case management, and training. The Missing Children Clearinghouse coordinates the exchange of information among law enforcement agencies, citizens, schools, the Department of Social and Health Services, and other interested groups regarding the location and return of missing children.

Specialized Outreach Fire Services

This activity is directed by statute to provide critical fire and life safety programs to prevent the loss of life and property. Activities include delivery of regular and specialized fire service training and certification at the state Fire Training Academy in North Bend as well as training sites across the state. Funding is provided to local jurisdictions to assist with the cost of basic firefighter training. Additional activities include licensing and certifying the fire sprinkler, fireworks and cigarette industries, and conducting appropriate enforcement action; conducting life safety inspections of hospitals, nursing homes, group homes, boarding homes, and child daycare centers; and providing hazardous materials response training and technical assistance to the public and other state agencies.

Toxicology Laboratory

The Washington State Toxicology Laboratory performs drug and alcohol testing for all coroners, medical examiners, police agencies, prosecuting attorneys, and the Liquor Control Board. The laboratory receives over 8,000 cases each year, of which approximately half are police cases involving driving under the influence (DUI), sexual assaults, and death investigations. The other half is coroner/medical examiner casework that supports counties. Each toxicologist tests about 1,000 samples each year and spends one to two days each week in court testifying in DUI-related cases.

Traffic and Auto Theft Investigation

The Criminal Investigation Division conducts investigations into vehicular homicides, vehicular assaults, felony hit-and-run, auto thefts, crimes on the Capitol Campus, and threats against elected officials. It provides investigative follow-up to all felony crimes discovered by uniformed line troopers, allowing troopers to return to their primary traffic enforcement duties. This activity also includes participation on the Fuel Tax Evasion Task Force, which works to educate the public and industry on the fuel tax laws; investigates suspected fuel tax evasion; and pursues prosecution of fuel tax evaders. The Washington State Patrol Crime Scene Response Team is a joint effort of the Crime Laboratory Division, the Criminal Investigation Division, and the Identification Section, providing comprehensive investigative services at crime scenes at the request of any law enforcement agency in the state.

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Inspection

Staff in the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Section conduct physical inspections on vehicles that have been rebuilt after being destroyed or declared a total loss by an insurance company. The section also performs physical inspections as required on vehicles reported stolen, homemade vehicles, vehicles without a proper VIN, or in any VIN discrepancy.

Transportation Budget Capital Projects

The State Patrol operates facilities that are constructed and maintained with funds appropriated from the Transportation Budget. These facilities include district and detachment offices, commercial vehicle weighing and inspection stations, communications centers, microwave and radio tower sites, and a training facility.

Homeland Security

The Vessel and Terminal Security Division (VATS) provides enhanced security for state ferries and terminals in Washington. A security plan was developed by the Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to comply with the U.S. Coast Guard Security Level 1 and 2 regulatory requirements. In order to meet concerns associated with possible terrorist activities on state ferries and to comply with the WSDOT security plan, the WSP deploys explosive detection canine and handler teams and provides electronic surveillance of public access areas in vessels and terminals.